

"mores. Here is a set of objects to be prized and worked for in families, schools, self-education, literature, and art, which go to the production of a type of men as the highest product of our civilization. Then suddenly we are told that the common man is wise beyond all the philosophers. The man on the curbstone is the arbiter of our destinies, and the standard man. " Culture " is derided and sneered at. This latter view has great popularity. It brings up a serious question: whether we are spoiling our children by educating them. Are we spoiling them for political power ? Are we putting them under disabilities for public influence ? It is related of an English statesman, that when asked by an American mother whether she should send her son to Oxford, he replied : " Why send him to Oxford ? Send him to "Washington, where he will learn democracy. That is what he will need to know." Certainly it behooves us to know whether we are spoiling our sons by sending them to the universities, and whether we ought not rather to send them to Tammany Hall. Either on one side or the other there is a great mass of empty phrases and false but inflated rhetoric.

208. Who does the thinking? The notion that "the group thinks " deserves to be put by the side of the great freaks of philosophy which have been put forth from age to age. Only the elite of any society, in any age, think, and the world's thinking is carried on by them by the transplanting of ideas from mind to mind, under the stress and strain of clashing argument and tugging debate. If the group thinks, then thought costs nothing, but in truth thought costs beyond everything else, for thousands search and talk while only one

finds; when he  
finds something, a step is won and all begins  
over again. If  
this is so, it ought to be universally known and  
recognized.  
All the mores would then conform to it.  
209. The gentleman. In modern English-  
speaking society the  
"gentleman" is the name for the man-as-he-  
should-be. The  
type is not fixed and the definition is not  
established. It is a  
collective and social ideal. Gentlemen are a  
group in society  
who have selected a code and standard of conduct  
as most con-  
ducive to prosperous and pleasant social  
relations. Therefore